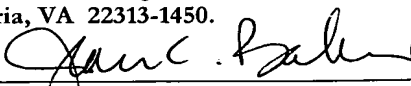




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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to an Office Action mailed February 13, 2006, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.